

# Understanding what students want and need - UK and International

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### A few guiding principles...



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- Seyond anecdotal..
- An intelligent dialogue
- Sustained approach to feedback
- The whole-of-institution picture all years, all levels, each year
- Comparative findings against relevant rivals
- Opinion data as a core metric for decision-making
- Section v satisfaction
- Outcomes and trajectories



Benchmarking student and stakeholder perceptions; delivering comparative insights to the education sector worldwide. Informing and encouraging institutional enhancement.



Tracking stakeholder expectations and perceptions...



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## Student expectations: why should we care?

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### The rationale

"Personal recommendation is the single greatest influence on choice of institution... and country"

"What today's students say will determine future flows"

"The key to influencing opinion is to ensure we are meeting and exceeding expectations"

*"Faced with a world of choice, we must work to ensure the experience is world class"* 



# How do we measure expectations and perceptions?

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Who cares?

### ISB Founders Group 2005



### New partners 2006





Since then...



- Feedback from over 1,000,000 students, all nationalities
   Implemented by 110 UK universities
   35 of Australia's 39 universities and 150 Australian education providers
- HE, FE, ELT, private colleges and secondary schools in NZ
- German government (DAAD & HRK) and universities since 2009
- Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, Estonia,
  - Singapore, Hong Kong, China
- SThe largest US HE system, since 2010
- Multi-campus, TNE, DE, ELT and pathway providers
- Leading universities and colleges in 23 countries.
- Solution Home to the Observatory on Borderless Higher Education since 2010







Semi-standardised survey tool All aspects of the student experience **Benchmarked nationally and globally Decision-making and intentions Runs twice each year** All years of study, all levels of study 'Light touch' process **Confidential**, unpublished **Reported in person, in confidence Purpose: institutional enhancement** 





### The Scope of the Student Experience

Semographics – nationality, funding of studies etc.

- Course areas of study, course type
- Decision-making motivations and importance
- Who helped you to choose ?
- Application use of agents, agent service levels
- Visas visa type, application, support
- Enquiry to acceptance service, communication
- Arrival and orientation
- Study hours, perceptions, employment hours
- Future plans and career intentions
- Learning experience teachers, course content, facilities, employability
- Living experience accommodation, friends, funding, internet access
- Support services including health, employment, visas
- Recommendation would you recommend this institution to others?





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Asked of all new students





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# Asked near end of academic cycle

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### Academic year 2011/12

- Students invited to feedback from October to December 2011
- Seedback from 124,076 students in UK universities
- Section 287,475 students responded from 238 institutions in 16 countries
- Summer wave runs from April to June 2012





### UK International Vs. Domestic Student Summary – Autumn 2011

Solution of the students slightly higher than international:

	International	Home	Difference
Overall Satisfaction	90%	92%	2%

Areas where home students more satisfied than international:

	International	Home	Difference
Arrival Overall	87%	91%	4%
Living Overall	88%	90%	2%
Learning Overall	87%	88%	1%

Areas where home students less satisfied than international:

	International	Home	Difference
Course organisation	85%	82%	-3%
Performance feedback	83%	79%	-4%
Marking criteria	83%	77%	-6%
Careers advice	76%	72%	-4%

### Base: Autumn 2011 UK SB (56,212) and UK ISB (67,864)

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### UK International Vs. Domestic Student Summary – Autumn 2011

Home students have higher expectations around traditional careers support:

Careers Support	International	Home	Difference
Advice (guidance on career paths etc.)	62%	81%	19%
Information (directories etc.)	55%	71%	16%
Support (helping to produce my CV etc.)	57%	71%	14%
Opportunities to meet employers	52%	65%	13%
Placement (finding relevant work experience)	50%	57%	7%
Training (interview training etc.)	54%	55%	1%
Opportunities to network with alumni	36%	41%	5%
Representation (contacting employers on my behalf)	24%	20%	-4%
Employment (securing a job for me)	30%	17%	-13%
Nothing (no expectation of support)	13%	9%	-4%

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### UK International Student Summary – Autumn 2011

Solution of the UK slightly ahead of the Global ISB:

	Global ISB	UK ISB	Difference
Overall Satisfaction	88%	90%	2%

### Areas where the UK is notably ahead on satisfaction:

	Global ISB	UK ISB	Difference
Language support	85%	88%	3%
Worship facilities	84%	87%	3%
Visa advice	78%	84%	6%
Employability	76%	80%	4%
Careers advice	70%	76%	6%
Living cost	60%	66%	6%

Areas where the UK is notably behind on satisfaction:

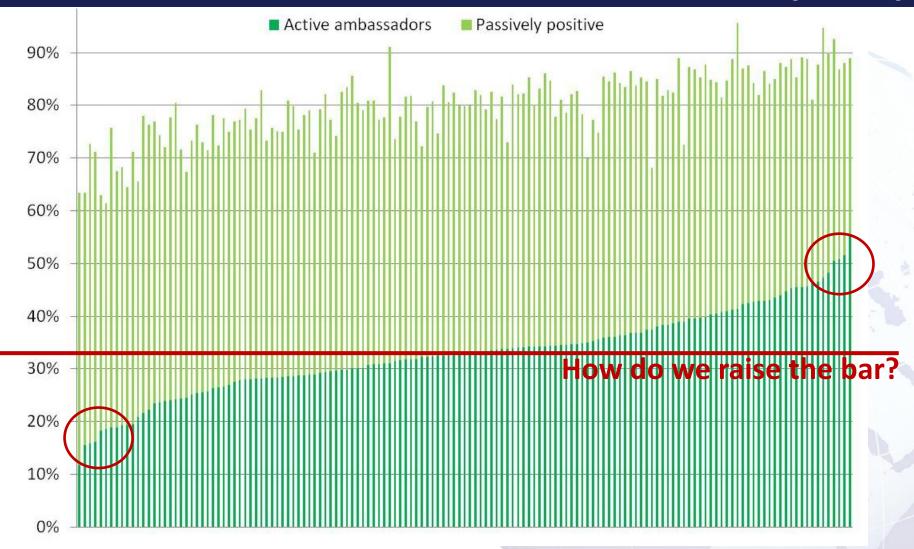
	Global ISB	UK ISB	Difference
<b>Opportunities to teach</b>	72%	68%	-4%
Bank account	78%	72%	-6%

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# Understand the range of perceptions.. (example data)



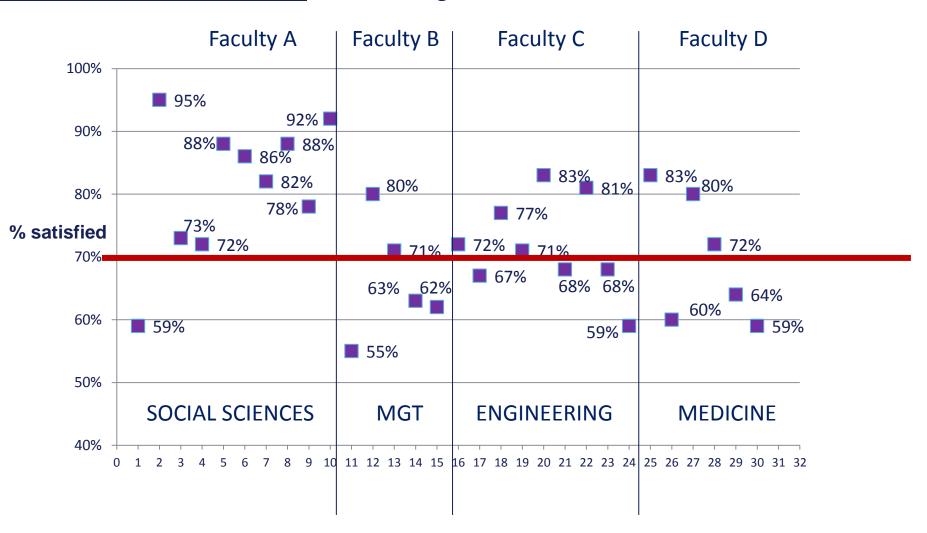
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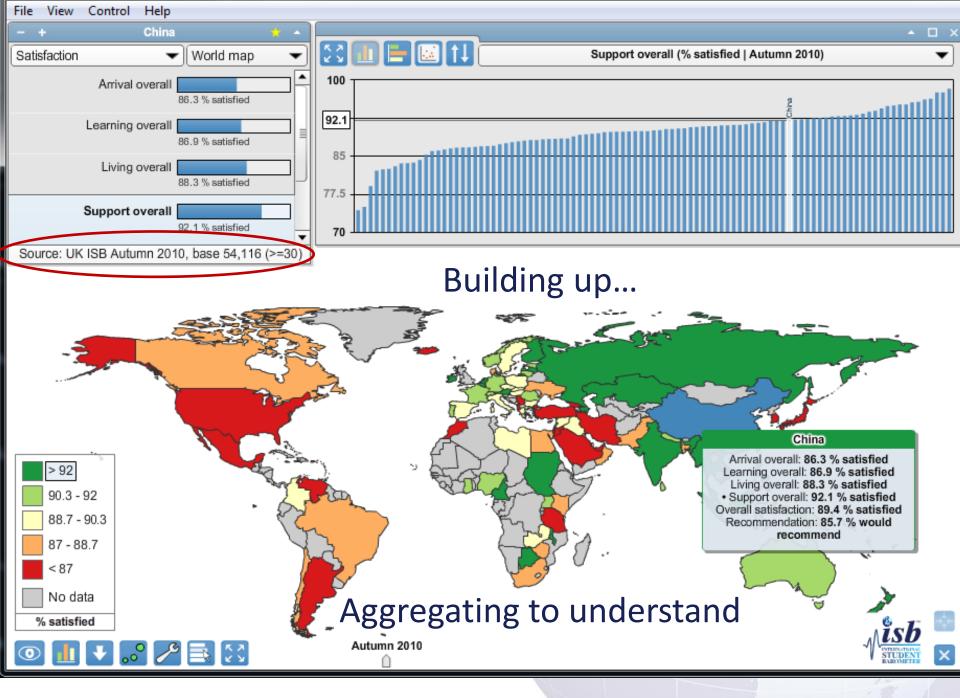


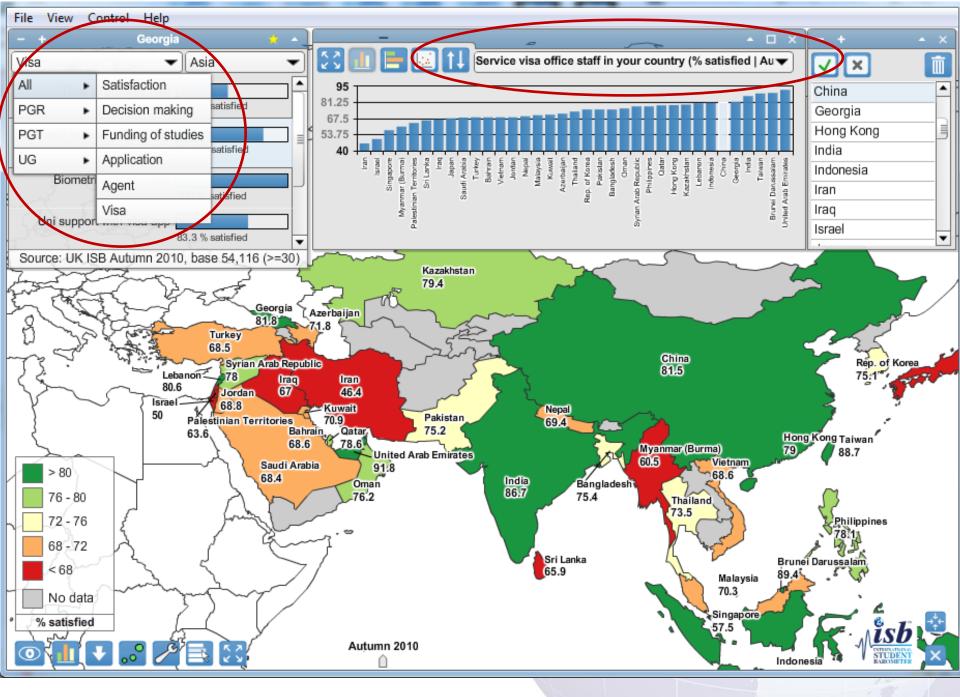
Drilling down... (example)



### Performance feedback: Average 71% satisfied





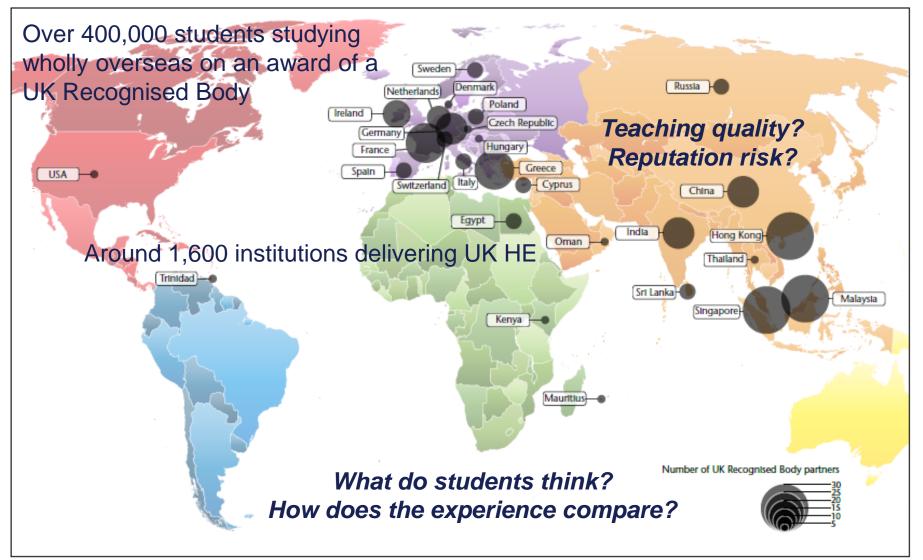


## Going... Going... ...Gone Global



### Provision of UK Higher Education (QAA 2010)

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### What drives domestic students to recommend?

UG

**Course organisation (0.36)** 

Course content (0.34)

**Employability (0.33)** 

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\*Based on UK domestic students, sorted by relationship with recommendation (r-value)

What impact over time? Example: UK universities



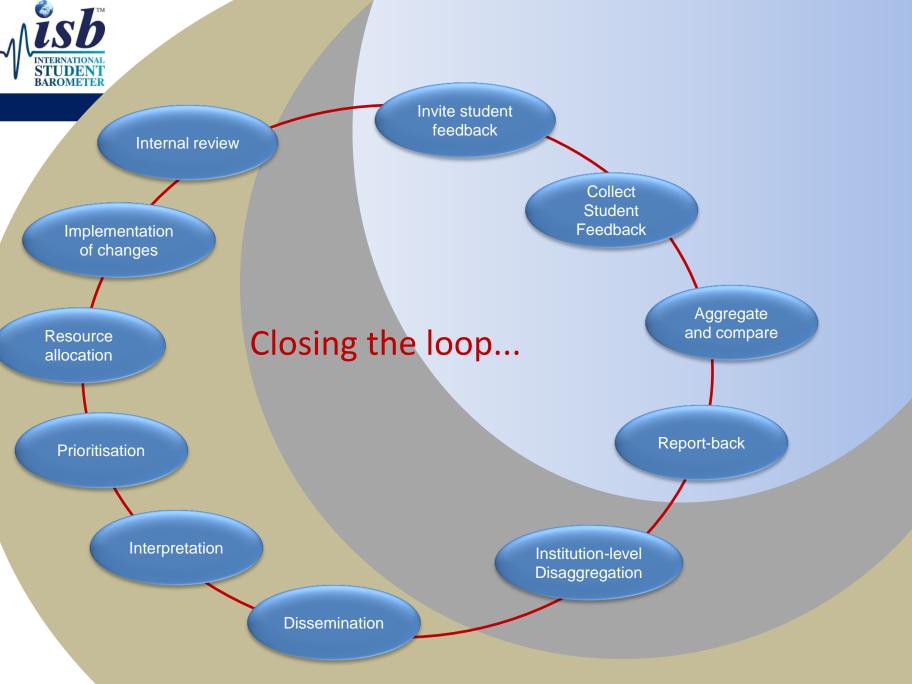
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## **Tracking the international student experience**

In 2006 adopted as the official measure of the international student experience, across the lifetime of the ISB international student satisfaction has increased on average by 8 percentage points, to 80%.

Some of the notable increases are:

- Careers Service (increased 7 percentage points from 78%\* to 85% satisfaction)
- Visa Advice (7pp from 74% to 81%)
- Language Support (5pp from 77% to 82%)
- Employability (7pp from 71% to 78%)
- Counselling (7pp from 81%\* to 88%)
- The only element that has experienced a significant decline in satisfaction is opportunities to earn money (-4 percentage points from 60% to 56%). Copyright © IGI Services 2011

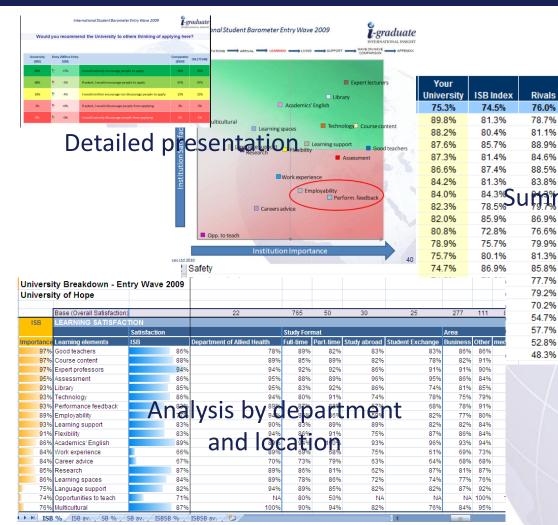


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### Institution-level reporting, national aggregation



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### Verbatim comments

"Great university, great teachers, great accommodation, so many way to make English and foreign friends, a very beautiful place, ecologic. It's the best year of my life, i think I'm very lucky to study here and i will advice this university at everyone without any doubt!"

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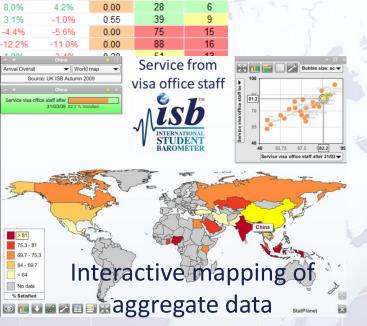
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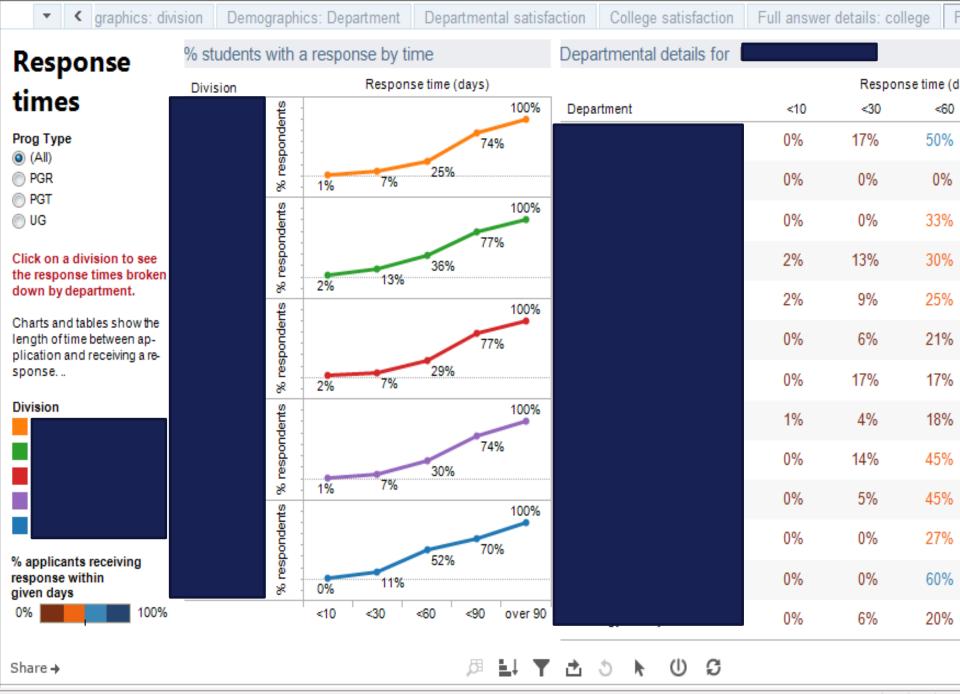
Implemented across all levels, departments, colleges & services



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### Feedback on my work – course level

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#### Percentage satisfaction for Division/Dept/Course

Select a question group: Learning satisfaction

Select a division:

Short question Detailed feedback (written and oral) on my work / Helpful feedba..



UG

Division

Table shows the % of students answering 'Satisfied' or 'Very satisfied' to a question.

The table/chart is sorted by% satisfaction

Items with fewer than 10 respond on ts to a question are excluded from the list

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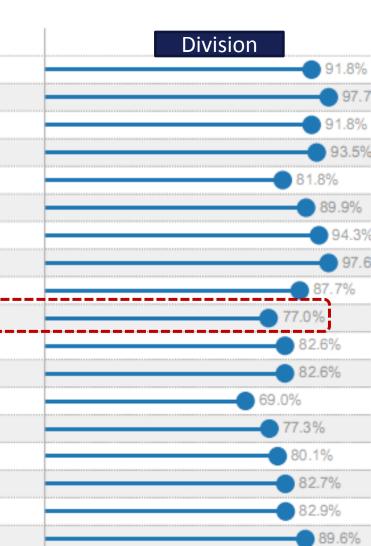
# Learning satisfaction – students with disabilities *I-graduate*

### Division

### of the University, by Disability

The quality of lectures (UG only)
The subject expertise of academic staff
The teaching ability of academic staff
The academic content of my course/studies (UG/PGT only)
The seminar programme for research students (PGR only)
The organisation and smooth running of the course (UG/PGT only)
The level of research activity
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Prompt feedback on my work
Explanation of marking/assessment criteria (UG/PGT only)
Understanding the required standard for my thesis (PGR only)
Fair and transparent assessment of my work (UG only)
Guidance in topic selection and refinement by my supervisor (PGR.
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The quality of the lecture theatres and classrooms





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Charts show average salaries of students by Division and College. Colleges/divisions where fewer than 10 students responded are excluded. The vertical bar shows the average for all displayed colleges/divisions.

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## In summary...



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# Embed insight processes

- Compare and track the experience all years, all levels, every year
- Empower colleagues to enable change

## **Get on with it!** THANK YOU!

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